



# Institut Bauen und Umwelt Newsletter

## December 2015

Dear Ladies and Gentleman, dear IBU-members,

I wish you a joyous Advent season and hereby welcome you to read the last issue of our Newsletter this year.

Looking back at 2015, we can record a continuous increase in numbers of both national and international memberships. Environmental Product Declarations according to EN 15804 have become a standard for the whole construction material industry. In the beginning of the year we successfully attended the fair BAU 2015 in Munich, where numerous EPDs were awarded and mutual recognition, for example with the programme holder EPD Danmark, were agreed. Furthermore, we were very pleased to receive a positive feedback on our General Annual Meeting in June in Berlin. Conserving natural resources has become a big issue in the discussions about sustainability, especially in the construction industry. Therefore, the IBU Board decided to become a partner for the special award "Resource Efficiency" 2015. The prize awarding ceremony took place in Düsseldorf in November, highlighting the fact that companies in the construction material industry implement the principle of sustainably conserving natural resources. They are thereby essentially contributing towards the implementation of the "Circular Economy Package", not long ago presented by the European Commission.



The Christmas donation of IBU will go to the "World Childhood Foundation" this year, a foundation that was initiated by HM Queen Silvia of Sweden in 1999. Our donation will support refugee children. Please find details about this project and the foundation's activities under the following link: [www.childhood.org./de](http://www.childhood.org./de).

Prospects:

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you of one of our first events taking place in 2016. You can still register for the **IBU Communication seminar** that will be held on

28 January 2016 in Cologne. We would be pleased if you registered by 18 December 2016 via fax or email.

Following a successful year 2015, the IBU team here at office in Berlin wishes you, your families and beloved ones a Peaceful and Merry Christmas and a healthy, lucky and successful Happy New Year 2016.

I would like to take the opportunity and express my gratitude to my team here at the Berlin office for their excellent work and to all members of the various IBU committees. We would not have been so successful without everyone's tireless efforts.

Yours

Dr.-Ing. Burkhardt Lehmann



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### Industry IBU Grants German Sustainability Award to BASF for Resource Efficiency

On 11/27/15 in Dusseldorf as a part of the 8th German Sustainability Day, BASF received this year's special award for "Resource Efficiency", which was awarded by the Stiftung Deutscher Nachhaltigkeitspreis e.V., together with the Institut Bauen und Umwelt e.V. (IBU) as an institutional partner...[more](#)

### IBU at the 8th Annual German Sustainability Day



As an institutional partner for the 2015 German Sustainability Awards, the Institut Bauen und Umwelt e.V. (IBU) was represented in a variety of ways in the program for the 8th Annual German Sustainability Day on November 27, 2015, in Dusseldorf.....[more](#)

## Next Update for ÖKOBAUDAT

At the beginning of 2016 another update of ÖKOBAUDAT will take place. Therefore manufacturers, whose German-language EPDs have so far not been published in ÖKOBAUDAT, can continue to do so through the Online tool of IBU. The Webinar on how to use the interface can be accessed [here](#)



## 5. ÖGNI and Thinkstep EPD Conference in Vienna

For the fifth time, thinkstep and ÖGNI (Austrian Sustainable Building Council) hosted the annual EPD conference for 2015 in Vienna on 20 October 2015, where experts from the European building and real estate industry came together around the EPD (Environmental Product Declaration) and the practice of sustainable building...[more](#)

## ECO Platform is liason partner of CEN/TC 350/WG III

The ECO Platform is now Liason Partner of CEN/TC 350 (Sustainable Construction) in Working Group III. Dr. Burkhard Lehmann (Managing Director of Institut Bauen und Umwelt) was named as representative, who will represent the European Programme operators in WG III (EN 15804) from now on.



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Product manufacturers interested in testing the new option 3 guidance are encouraged to register now...[more](#)



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## Register now: IBU Communication Workshop



It takes place on 28 January 2016 in Cologne, Germany.  
Topic: Successfully communicating EPDs in Marketing, PR and Sales.  
Further information will be provided [here](#).



## Fifth International Symposium on Life-cycle Civil Engineering

on 16.-19. October 2016 in Delft/The Netherlands...[more](#)

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